

'WHITE RIDER'

IN THE
KLUX KLAN

...tion picture sensation, playing to packed houses everywhere. The
...ing picture ever produced, interwoven into one of the greatest
... Many so-called Klan pictures have been exhibited, but don't

Klan Picnic

A quarterly meeting and picnic supper
will be held at the Klan grounds at
Greenfield, Iowa,

Monday, July
At 7:00 P. M.

Everybody Wel
Bring your baskets. Coffee
ished free by the organization

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A state speaker will
interest at this time.
by two orchestras.

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CELEBRATION

150th Anniversary of the Signing of the
Declaration of Independence

—AUSPICES OF—

Knights of the
KU KLUX KLAN

Of Union County, at Worsley's Grove
7 Miles Southwest of Creston and 4 Miles North of Kent

ALL DAY AND EVENING

Mon., July 5

GREENFIELD BAND

Will furnish the music. This is one of the best bands in the Mississippi Valley
SEE GREENFIELD'S WONDERFUL DRILL TEAM

BASEBALL GAME

3:30 IN AFTERNOON

Swift & Co. "Night Hawks" vs. Kent's Ball Team; Tug of War, Union Coun-
ty Against All Comers; Fat Men's Race; Potato Race; Horse Shoe, and Many
Other Attractions.

GOOD SPEAKING

Patriotic Reading. Good Music by Kent's Male Quartette and Others

FIREWORKS IN EVENING

EVERYBODY WELCOME. COME AND CELEBRATE
THE PUBLIC INVITED

PLENTY TO EAT AND DRINK ON THE GROUNDS.

Robe and hood (here on mannequin) were used in Waterloo area. Posters announce movie *White Rider* and picnic in Greenfield, and celebration of "150th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, Auspices of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Union County."

Images of the Ku Klux Klan in Iowa

KU KLUX KLAN

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Under Auspices of Union County Klan Organization

CRESTON, IOWA
MONDAY, SEPT. 7

WEST SIDE OF MCKINLEY LAKE

Forenoon, Afternoon and Evening

Speaking Afternoon and evening by our Nation's best. Plenty of entertainment all day long

BIG PARADE ON GROUNDS

\$300 Cash Prizes

Best Band	\$125.00
Best Men's Drill Team	\$20.00, \$15.00, \$5.00
Best Ladies' Drill Team	\$20.00, \$10.00, \$5.00
Largest Robed Delegation	\$70.00
Prizes for Floats	\$10.00, 8.00, 5.00, 4.00, 3.00

Union County Will Not Compete



Largest Firey

Cross Ever

Seen in Iowa

Klan Wedding At 2:30 p. m. this Sacred Ceremony will be given inside the human cross under the Flag

Big Carnival Entertainments
Music by Several Big Bands

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

An added, mysterious feature will be given at 10:30 p. m. No American should miss this two hours of ENTERTAINMENT. Something different which is alone worth more than the price of admission

Bring Your Dinner and be Entertained!

Everyone Welcome; Bring the Children; Everything for Your Comfort
Admission 25 cents; Children Under 12 Free

In case of rain will be held next day.



Above: Klan members pose proudly with float in Sioux City, October 11, 1924. Opposite: Poster (circa 1925) for the Klan's Labor Day celebration in Creston promises the "Largest Firey Cross Ever Seen in Iowa" and "an added, mysterious feature" at 10:30 p.m. "No American should miss this two hours of ENTERTAINMENT." The Klan often used carnival-type events, baseball games, bands, and parades to attract the public and draw huge crowds.



COURTESY JEFF MARTIN; SHSI (IOWA CITY)



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~~8/25/26~~

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D.M. Register

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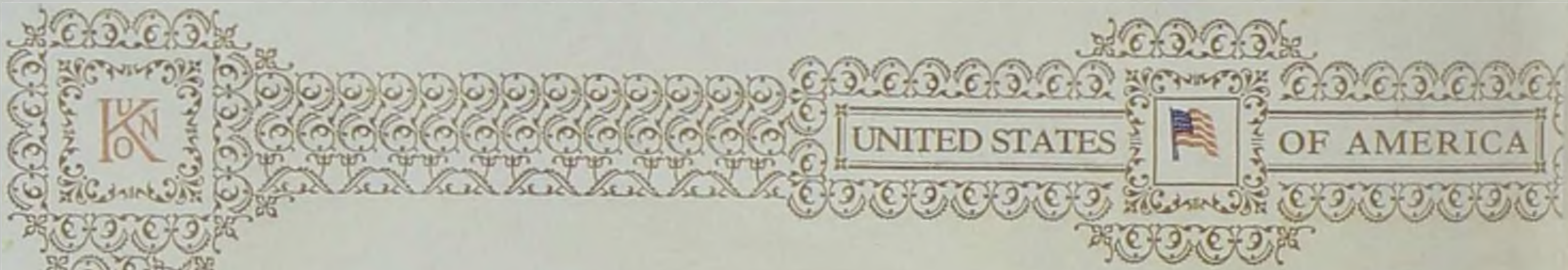
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IMPERIAL PALACE
INVISIBLE EMPIRE

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

(INCORPORATED)
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To all Genii, Grand Dragons and I...
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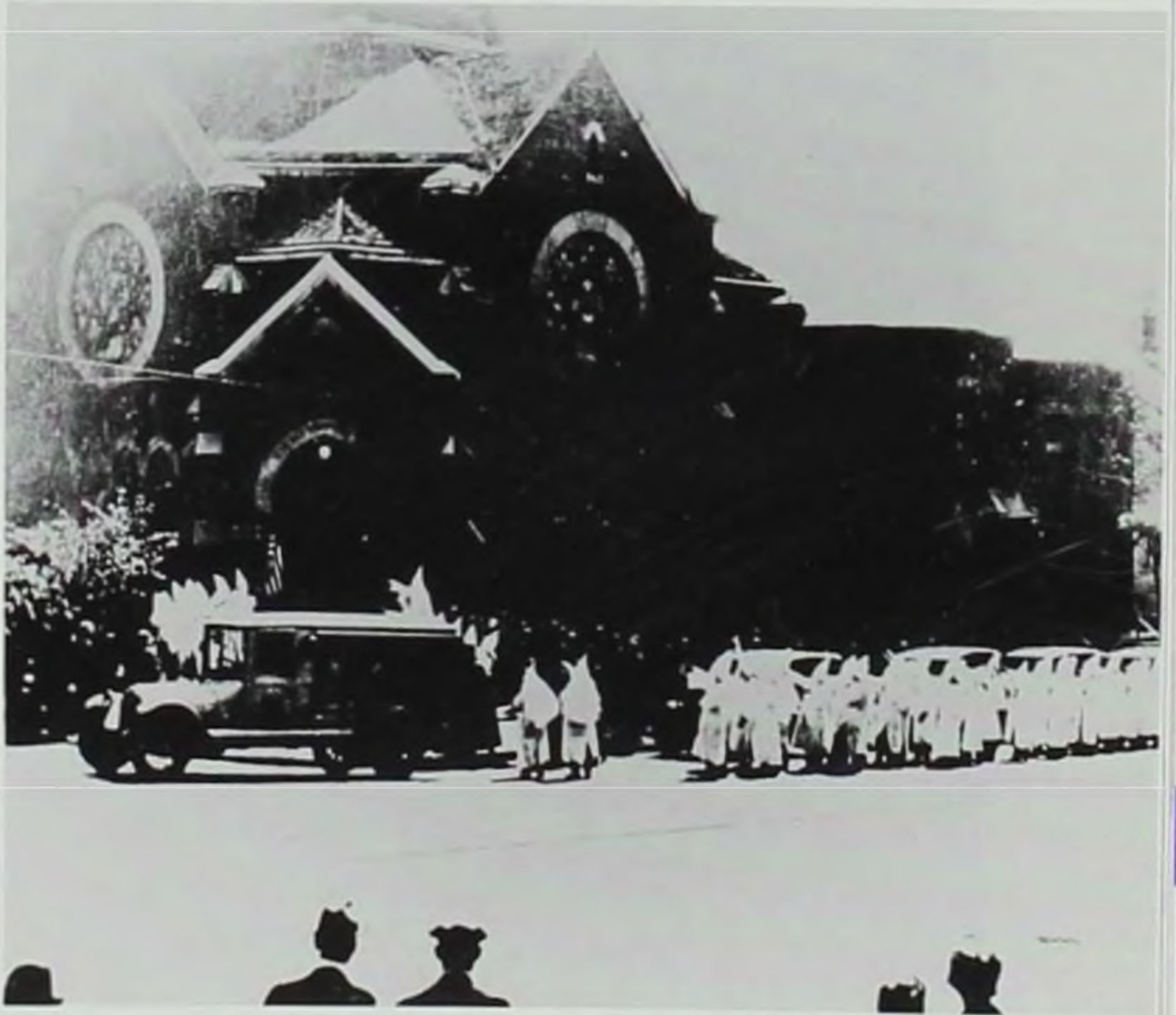
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Above: At an Ottumwa funeral in 1925, despite the family's intentions, the Klan joined the funeral procession of a man who had joined the Klan late in life.

Left: Certificate, women's constitution, and combination songbook and fan. One lyric: "I'm for the U.S.A./A member of the Klan/ A real American/Believe in the public school/Live the Golden Rule/And that makes a real, real man."

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Above: Ku Klux Klanners march in evening rain in Des Moines, June 12, 1926, following a state-wide convention (or "klorero"). The *Des Moines Register* estimated the parade as "thirty three blocks long" with approximately 3,000 members. Here, the marchers pass Eighth Street on Locust. Opposite: Poster for parade.

KU KLUX KLAN

SPECTACULAR

8 P.M. **PARADE** 8 P.M.

DES MOINES, IOWA

SATURDAY JUNE 12, 1926

PRECEDED BY

PUBLIC KLONKLAVE & PICNIC

11:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

Addresses By Prominent Speakers and Statesmen

BAND CONCERTS

DRILL PATROLS

QUARTETS

DRUM CORPS

IOWA STATE FAIR GROUNDS

Admission 25c Gate

25c Grandstand

Special Rates on all Rail and Electric Lines In Iowa

PUBLIC CORDIALLY INVITED

**KLANSMEN,
KLA'SWOMEN
AND KRUSADERS**

FONTANELLE

IOWA

THURS., JULY 30

ADAIR COUNTY KLAN, REALM OF IOWA, INVITES ALL KLANS-
MEN, KLANSWOMEN, KRUSADERS, AND THE PUBLIC
IN GENERAL TO BE WITH US AT FONTANELLE

THURSDAY, JULY 30th, 1925

Big parade of Robed Klansmen, Klanswomen, Krusaders, Bands, Mounted Patrols, Floats and Drilled Cavaliers.

\$500.00 WORTH OF FIREWORKS

\$200 Cash Prizes

\$50 FOR BEST BAND

Adair County Band No. 62 Not Al-
lowed to Compete.

\$20 TO THE COUNTY

Having Most Klansmen in the Parade
Outside of Adair County.

FOR PLT. BEST DRILLED MEN

1st, \$15.00; 2d, \$10.00; 3d, \$5.00.

PLT. BEST DRILLED WOMEN

1st, \$10.00; 2d, \$7.50; 3d, \$5.00.

Prizes For Floats

1st, \$10.00; 2d, \$7.50; 3d, \$5.00;
4th, \$4; 5th, \$3; 6th, \$2; 7th, \$1.

SPEAKING

At Grounds by National Lecturer.
State Officers will be present.

Parade at 7:30 p. m.

COME EARLY! YOU'LL BE
ENTERTAINED!

**FONTANELLE, IOWA
THURSDAY, JULY 30th**

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Above: Robed Klansmen ring the audience at a 1924 rally in Cherokee. Klan speakers used patriotic rhetoric and local issues to fire up support among midwesterners, who saw their traditional way of life threatened by changes in America's power structure. Opposite: Fireworks and cash prizes also helped attract the public to a rally in Fontanelle. □